[Translation]

Pune-Nasik-Baghai-Billimora-Surat Line

766. SHRI KACHARU BHAU RAUT Will the Minister RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether there is any proposal to lay Pune-Nasik-Baghai-Billimora-Surat railway line,

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard, and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) (a) to (c) Preliminary Engineering-cum-Traffic Survey for only a new BG line between Pune-Nasik (212 kms.) has been taken up Further consideration of the project will be possible once the results of the survey become available

Due to constraint of resources, the proposal for construction of new line from Nasik to Surat via Baghai and Billimora, cannot be considered at this stage

Review of Contracts

767 SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY
SHRI SATYA DEO SINGH
SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to review the contracts assigned for various services on the railway stations

(b) if so, the salient features thereof and

(c) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) (a) No Sir

(b) and (c) Do not arise

Conversion of Ratlam-Neemuch Line

768 DR LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether the gauge conversion work on Ratlam-Neemuch metre gauge line in Ratlam Division of Western Railway has been in progress,

(b) the funds allocated for this purpose during 1994-95 and 1995-96 and

(c) whether the said work is to be completed by 1996-97?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The funds allocated for this work are as under

1994-95	1995-96
Rs 2.10 crs	Rs 8.65 crs

(c) The target date is not yet fixed

[English]

Unauthorised Passengers in Reserved Coaches

769 SHRI SOUMYA RANJAN Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government have received complaints regarding the entrance of unauthorised passengers into reserved 3 Tier First Class and A C compartments in most of the trains and

(b) if so, the action being taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) (a) Some complaints of unauthorised passengers entering into Sleeper Class coaches of trains in particular have come to notice

(b) Apart from taking follow up action on specific complaints surprise checks are organised frequently by commercial and vigilance departments in close concert with RPF and GRP to apprehend persons travelling without proper authority Action is taken against such people under provisions of Railways Act Ticket checking activities are intensified in trains and sections which are found to be vulnerable

Wagon Industry

770 SHRI RUPCHAND PAL Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government have any plan to revitalise the sagging wagon industry in the country and

(b) if so the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) (a) and (b) Railway Board places orders on the wagon industry as well as Rly s own workshops for procurement of wagons on year to year basis based upon the actual requirements The orders for wagons placed during the last 2 years on wagon industry are as under

1994-95 = 10800 Four wheeler units

1995-96 = 16085 Four wheeler units

During the current year 1996-97 procurement of 25000 four wheeler units have been planned